

Soldier Hollow Golf Course Findings Released

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A fact sheet on the proposed \$12 million 36-hole golf course to be located at the Soldier Hollow recreation site in Wasatch Mountain State Park was handed out at Wednesday evening's Soldier Hollow Olympic Organizing Team (SHOOT).

The committee, which has been instrumental in the development of the Soldier Hollow recreation area, has met monthly for the past three years. Committee members have taken a role in everything from the newly completed Soldier Hollow lodge, to overseeing the

preservation of the Tate Barn located across the street from the venue.

According to the fact sheet, the Soldier Hollow Golf Course Task Force, which was formed last September, made a series of findings and recommendations in favor of the proposed course.

The task force is made up of Utah senators and representatives, local businessmen and government economic planning officials.

The market and business analysis, completed by THK & Associates, found that the projected revenues from the Soldier Hollow golf course will range from \$1,562,219 in 2003 to \$3,546,775 in 2012.

These figures are based on the projected combined population growth of Wasatch and Summit counties. According to THK the combined population of both counties is expected to exceed 57,000 by the year 2011. THK also notes that current daily average lodging visitors is at about 2,360. In 2011, the figure should increase to 3,240 daily average lodging visitors. Not included in the daily lodging visitor figures is the projected 4,500 camping visitors that, according to THK, will play a round of golf in 2001. This number will increase to 5,400 in 2011,

THK & Associates anticipate that a new golf course opening in 2003 should capture approxi-

mately 20 percent of the market area's public demand. Also, by the year 2011, the course should hold 93 percent or over of the market's 57,000 18-hole rounds played annually.

However, THK estimates that presently, there is an excess demand of 30,000 public rounds of golf in the Wasatch/Summit counties

The task force made five recommendations; the first being to build the 36-hole course and include the clubhouse, cart storage, parking, maintenance areas and practice facilities in the initial construction.

The second big recommendation from the task force is to ask the Utah Legislature's Building

Ownership Board to issue revenue bonds totaling \$12 million dollars to finance the proposed golf course.

Another financing partner would be the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation. The division would increase golf fees at Wasatch Mountain State Park Golf Course. The surcharge would be tagged for design work and equipment purchases for the new course.

Lastly, the new course design should compliment the nordic site at Soldier Hollow and capitalize on the Olympic theme. Promotional campaigns targeting youth, and the local community would also be part of the marketing strategy.

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It happens every year at this time. Parents begin the desperate search for the gifts their children want. The elusive Playstation 2 is the biggest and most difficult item to find this Christmas. This popular gaming system sells for about \$300, but folks on the internet are asking for and receiving double and triple that amount. It is nearly impossible to find in stores. I work in retail and several times a day I disappoint customers by telling them we probably won't be getting any more before Christmas. Inevitably, the response I hear is, "but that's the only thing my kid wants this year!" Some of these people look so stricken that I just want to shake my head and say, "Let me tell you a story."

The exact time that mental illness manifested itself through my father's personality is difficult to pinpoint. When it did, the changes were rapid and terrible. He went from being a fun, loving man, to a man rife with delusions and haunted by paranoia. He truly believed that the world was against him, and it didn't take long before he decided to make a trip back to Denver. We planned on staying one night in a motel before heading back to our bleak apartment. We never made it back.

That night in the motel I had a dream, one that is as vivid now as it was then. We were home with our mother and she fixed us a spaghetti dinner. It was wonderful. I was brought back to reality the next morning when a knock at the door awakened all of us. My father asked who it was and the unexpected reply stunned us, "The police, we've come for the children."

My dad put up quite a resistance, but eventually he was handcuffed and taken away. Despite the last five months, I loved my dad and that was extremely difficult to witness. Several hours later we were home. I couldn't get

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Search for Gage

Editor: I would like to publicly thank all the kind people who helped in the massive and exhaustive search for my son, Gage Wayment. The outpouring of love and support from people all over the state, the country, and the world has brought some comfort to an unbearably tragic situation. It's hard to express in words the deepest appreciation I have for my family, neighbors, friends and perfect strangers who came to my aid in my time of need.

Utah's community spirit was evident on the mountains above Coalville. I will forever be grateful for the prayers, the kind words of encouragement and support given to my family and me. It's far easier in this day and age to place blame, judge and then execute a person's character. But this tragedy has shown me that

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my mother gave